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Saturday Sale.

Buy Where Your
Dollar Gets The Most.

OVERCOATS

All Overcoats Reduced in Price
from 1 to 4 Dollars.

Duck Coats,
Mackintoshes,
Underwear,
Shirts,
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Trousers,
Shoes,
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ALL REDUCED FOR
SATURDAY SALE.
GET PRICES.
IT WILL BE MONEY
IN YOUR POCKET
TO ATTEND
THIS SALE.

Mayer Allman's.

Great Bargains

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We have a great variety and a splendid assortment in this line and are selling at exceedingly low prices. It will pay you to call and see us. Also a choice stock of

Nussbaum & Mayer.

3000 Pounds of Granulated Sugar

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY AT

The Model.

We desire to introduce to the trade our
SUPERIOR GRADE

Model Imperial Tea,

guaranteed the finest in the market, at 50 cents per pound, and with every pound sold until further notice, WE WILL GIVE FREE FIVE POUNDS H. & E. GRANULATED SUGAR.

Respectfully yours,

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THE FIRE FIEND.

The Corner of Michigan and
LaPorte Streets Has Another
Disastrous Conflagration.

THE CORBIN BLOCK AND KUHN
BUILDING SUCCUMB TO THE
DESTROYING ELEMENT.

The Lack of Water Caused by Frozen
Hydrants, Gave the Fire Full
Sweep.

Good Executions of the Fire Depart-
ment and Our Citizens.

For the third time in the history of Plymouth, a destructive fire has occurred at the point of last Wednesday morning's conflagration. The first fire was way back in the sixties, and at that time a frame building graced this corner. A brick building was then erected which several years later, was destroyed. The site was then occupied by the buildings that were consumed this week. The corner building was the property of Horace C. Corbin, who after each disaster heroically went to work, and rebuilt more elaborately. The second building belonged to John Kuhn, who conducted a saloon, and the other by Fred Kuhn, as a meat market.

It was at 4:30 when the alarm of fire was sounded, but owing to the high wind at that time, but a few of our citizens were aware of the destruction ensuing on our principal thoroughfare. The department answered quickly to the alarm, and were soon on the ground to do battle. But the feelings of all can be imagined when it was discovered that the fire plugs were frozen up, and after some time had elapsed the hydrant near the water works across the river was gotten into condition for service.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Due, and located on the north side of the corner room occupied by Gus Wolf the clothier and C. M. Welch & Co's. jewelry store. As near as can be ascertained, the fire originated from a lamp which was setting on one of the show cases in front of the safe of Welch & Co. When first discovered, the flames were creeping up the north wall under a large case containing silver ware. If at the time of the discovery prompt measures could have been taken, and water found handy, but very little damage would have resulted. And even then, after the alarm had been given, if the department, could have received immediate service, the fire in all probabilities would have been confined to this one room.

It was soon made manifest by the swiftly advancing flames, that to confine the fire to the four buildings was the work for the firemen to undertake, and that, owing to the extreme cold weather was a difficult task. The flames after reaching the second floor, dashed through the paper-like partitions to the north, and then were only checked in their mad career by the brick wall of the Thayer building. The fire then took a downward shoot, and in a few moments the interior of Kuhn's butcher shop was a mass of flames.

One of the peculiar features of the fire was, that the cigar store of John C. Corbin and the saloon of John Kuhn, did not succumb to the fire until after the clothing store and butcher shop.

It is to be regretted that through the neglect of some one the loss by fire is so heavy. If the hydrants had been in proper condition the fire would in all probabilities been confined to the building where the fire originated. It is reported that the ones who are depended upon to attend to this important work, knew that the hydrants were frozen up, and had all arrangements made to thaw them out the next day. The old maxim, "Never put off until to-morrow, what should be done to-day," has been again fully illustrated.

To adequately compliment our efficient chief and the department for their persistent work, would be a difficult task. The extreme cold weather, with mercury swinging at and below zero was a factor to contend against that required nerve and firm resolution. Below we give a list of the firms doing business in the burnt block, and the amount of their loss:

Horace Corbin, loss on building \$8,500, insurance \$3,500.

John C. Kuhn, loss on building and stock \$9,000, insurance \$4,500.

Gus Wolf clothing house, loss \$8,000, with \$4,000 insurance.

C. M. Welch & Co., jeweler, loss \$4,000, insurance \$1,000.

Frank Nicolay, barber shop loss about \$30.

Chas. Kellison law office, loss \$2,000, insurance \$500.

Adam E. Wise and W. E. Sider, loss \$1,300, insurance for \$300.

Corbin & Co., loss \$2,500, with only \$500 insurance.

J. A. Anderson cigar manufacturer, loss \$200, no insurance.

C. Firestone, about \$100 loss, fully covered by insurance.

J. C. Corbin, had a loss of \$1,800, with insurance of \$1,200.

Fred H. Kuhn meat market and building, loss \$6,000 fully covered with insurance.

Jas. K. Houghton, loss \$800, insurance \$400.

R. B. Oglesbee, loss \$3,500.

Ed Kuhn the tailor, \$350, with \$150 insurance.

Geo. Paul \$200 total loss.

Chas. P. Drummond, loss \$100.

Martin Erndall lost \$150, no insurance.

Plymouth Telegraph company, \$100.

L. Leger lost \$1,800, insurance \$500.

A. Corbin on barber shop fixtures \$800, insured for \$500.

SHORT STOPS.

Milt Guling did good execution in getting the hose carts on the scene of the fire.

Chief Kuhn was every where giving orders and encouraging the boys.

If reports are true the engineer at the water works was told three times to give the fire alarm, and refused, owing to the fact that he thought Watchman Mead was only joking.

One of the sensational reports circulated during the fire, was that Chief Kuhn was buried among the falling debris. Also that he had been struck on the head with a brick and knocked senseless. The reports were not true.

Mrs. A. B. Underwood, wife of Trustee Underwood, furnished the firemen with abundance of hot coffee. It was truly appreciated.

Ed Kuhn attempted to save some of his goods from the tailor shop, but only succeeded in securing a box of samples. The smoke being so thick as to make any further attempt hazardous.

Firestone, the harness maker, removed his effects across the street into the basement under E. Hogarth's grocery store.

Harry Corbin thought the greater portion of his papers were secure in the safe, but he unfortunately forgot to lock it the previous night, and when the safe was found the door was open and the safe empty.

The Democrat office removed a great deal of its stock from the second floor of the building, preparing for an emergency, in case the fire gained headway among the frame buildings on LaPorte street.

Mayor Swindell was on the ground helping in the good work.

The fire laddies looked like shipwrecked sailors after a severe storm. But they were all in a good humor notwithstanding the biting weather.

Some of the ladies who were gathered at a safe distance seemed to think it was all right for the billiard parlor and saloon to be destroyed, although they claimed to feel badly in regard to the burning of other lines of business.

If the readers of the INDEPENDENT could figure the immense amount of hard labor wasted in valuable papers destroyed, in those few moments, Tuesday night, they would earn an enviable reputation as mathematicians. There were records that cannot be replaced only by months of toil, and some that can never be replaced.

Chief Kuhn was overcome by smoke and heat, and was unconscious for a short time, but soon went to work again with a vim.

J. N. Filar, of hose company No. 2, had the fingers of his left hand badly frozen.

J. W. Hess the druggist was hurt by being run over by a hose cart. For a time it was considered serious, but, though badly bruised, is all right.

While some claim that the fire did not originate from the lamp, stating that the lamp was burning after the fire had been discovered, others say it had exploded.

The furniture belonging to Nicolay's barber shop was removed from the basement yesterday. It is remarkable that not one of the large mirrors were broken.

The safe of C. M. Welch & Co., on being removed from the building found the contents all right.

Attention Soldiers, Everybody.

The American Tribune Soldier's Colonization Company proposes to organize a sub-colony in this city and a meeting will be held in Kuhn's hall, Saturday evening, Feb. 9, for that purpose. Several speakers will be present to show the workings of the company. Everybody is cordially invited to attend this meeting and learn of its purposes.

THEY GATHER TOGETHER.

The Farmers' Institute of Marshall
County, Has a Most Suc-
cessful Meeting.

As has been previously announced, the Farmers Institute of this county met in Centennial opera house, Monday and Tuesday of this week. Through the efforts put forth by their officers, a great deal of the successful termination of this influential gathering was had.

The advantage and benefits desired by our intelligent farmers at these meetings are inestimable, and the efforts utilized to make them more successful in the future should be more pronounced.

Monday morning at an early hour the people began to assemble at the place of meeting, and although the weather was very cold and severe, the number gathered at the opera house, for the first session, was large, and although the interior of the hall was very cold, yet the closest attention was given to the entire exercise.

After the meeting was called to order by the chairman, Wm. Erwin, of Bourbon township, a song was rendered by the Stony Point glee club. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Allerton, of Argos, after which Mayor Swindell delivered the address of welcome.

Mr. Swindell in his brief remarks made a few telling points, why the farmers, those at least within a radius of five miles, should be interested in manufacturing enterprises located in Plymouth.

It was to their interest as well as that of the business men, as the benefits derived were in direct keeping with that of the merchant. He also impressed upon the minds of the young men and ladies that it was for them to branch out from the old ways followed by their parents.

Times changes, and taking into consideration the competition of today, they should work with more zeal and fervor. He dwelt for a few moments upon the advisability of dairy and poultry products, and being a man of experience along that line, his words were listened to with marked attention.

In his concluding remarks, the Mayor once more welcomed them to our beautiful city, and stated that a committee would be ready to show them around our city, and through the different manufacturing establishments.

In response to the address of welcome Mr. Frank Baker, of Bourbon, read a practice paper, covering a great deal of territory, making a number of very good points. He touched upon the political aspect of the country, and in regard to the financial condition. He believed party lines should be laid aside. In regard to American farming, his points were numerous, and thought if some radical changes were not made soon, the English farmer, through the half civilized natives of East India, will compel the American farmer to attend strictly to home consumption. The farmers should begin to act for themselves, and especially when they pay 87 per cent of the taxes. His story of how to keep the boys on the farm was good, and full of truth.

The subject, "Shall we continue to raise wheat," was then taken up by Mr. T. B. Terry, of Hudson, Ohio. Mr. Terry is a practical farmer, giving close attention to the raising of wheat for the money that is in it. He believed that the average farmer should let wheat alone, unless they could so enrich the soil as to bring from twenty-five to forty bushels to the acre. That care should be taken in the selection of the seed, nothing but the large kernels being used.

Robert Erwin, of Bourbon, gave a number of practice ideas on "waste on the farm," which should be heeded by the farmers.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

This session opened up by music by the glee club, followed by an article, on the "Big 4 Combination on the farm." We were not present at the time Mr. Cal. Hulseman, of Auburn, Indiana, delivered this excellent paper, but we understand that it was of a high standard, and appreciated by a great many. This subject brought out a great many points which were discussed by farmers present.

The subject of "Tile and drainage," by Chas. Fibley, of Bourbon, was a fairly good article. The great trouble being that he did not keep to the text. While those present desired to learn some practice ideas upon tiling land, he consumed the greater part of his time in trying to tile intoxicating liquors out of this country.

The recitation by Miss Blanch Kline, of Maxenkuckee, who was on the program for Tuesday afternoon session, owing to her inability to be present, was

delivered at this time. Her subject "Influence" was handled in a manner worthy of commendation. Her delivery was fine, with a voice full of sympathy for the subject. If her hearers would apply the thoughts presented by this talented lady, the result throughout this section at least, would be very marked.

"Clover vs. Stable manure and treatment of Clover," by Mr. Terry, was well handled, and as one of the farmers present remarked, these ideas are all good, but you have to take into consideration your soil and other important features at the time of sowing.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened by a song rendered by the Stony Point glee club led by Nelson Powell, in an artistic manner, then followed a recitation, "Farmer Dobson's dream," by Elmer S. Strang, of Polk township. We would emphatically give him the title of Marshall county's Boy orator in the rendition and hence to be surpassed anywhere by one so young. Then T. B. Terry opened up on the "Wife's share." He held that marriage should be treated as a partnership. That the contracting parties were equal partners sharing equally of the profits and losses. He submitted a marriage platform for those who contemplated matrimony which seemed to be quite feasible. We wonder how many will adopt it. It is very evident that the ladies were having the advantage of their masculine friends. The paper of Mrs. H. E. Vorels was a most excellent one; it showed that she gave her subject careful thought, and many of us would do well by paying some heed to the truths she uttered.

Miss Mertie Pickler handled her subject in such a manner as to evoke from her auditors frequent applause. We think that the editors present should fully understand the minutest details pertaining to her subject. A fitting conclusion to the evening's entertainment was a song by the glee club.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

On Tuesday morning, Feb. 5th, it was found that the cold wave had caused the mercury to register 17 degrees below, and held there throughout the greater part of the day, but that did not stop the influx of the farmers, their wives, sons and daughters. When the old clock's hands pointed to 9:30 a. m., the opera house was full to overflowing, eager to hear the words of wisdom proclaimed by the apostles of the farm. Such interest we have never before witnessed—when men and women will leave their comfortable homes to face the cold in coming to the city, as exhibited Tuesday morning, it means more than idle curiosity; it means that the farmers of Marshall county are wide awake, and are bound to take advantage of every surrounding to store their minds with useful knowledge in their chosen vocation. This is as it should be.

After the Institute was declared opened, Cal. Hulseman took the stand and gave an interesting talk on the "Best acre, garden and small fruits." Cal. is what his name indicates, a hustling man. The way he handled his subject was a caution to our old friend Snedtz from north township. Snedtz got even with him by saying that they raised cabbage in North township so large that they burst—that is the cabbage did it was an interesting subject, and we believe that the farmers of Marshall county will, as soon as they can, plant out an acre of small fruit on the plan suggested. At the close of Mr. Hulseman's talk the Hon. C. H. Reeve took the stand to enlighten the farmers of Marshall county, on the subject of "Economy and Economics." He handled his subject without gloves, but what puzzled us was to know how the farmers were going to raise potatoes on his economic ideas, or how to apply them in breeding farm animals so as to get the best results from your feed. It seems to us that it requires muscle and brains instead of the higher ideas of economy and economics as advocated in Senator Reeve's paper. Metaphysically the Senator is immense; he gratuitously distributed several hundred pamphlets of his lecture to the farmers for their perusal. It is to be hoped that they will not throw them into the waste basket.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon there were several resolutions presented by the committee on resolutions, which were concurred in by the Institute, their merits or demerits you can pass on, as they are found in another column of this paper. Peter Heim was chosen president for the ensuing year; J. V. Van Guilder, secretary. Upon a vote of the farmers of the Institute it was decided to hold the next Institute at Plymouth. In closing up our account of the past Institute, it was apparent to all that the opera house of Plymouth was too small to accommodate the people, would it not be a good idea for some of our enterprising citizens to erect a large commodious opera house in our fair city, whose acoustic arrangements would be more perfect; the light better arranged; that can be better heated and at less expense than the one we now possess. We do not wish to be understood to find fault with the management, for we know that they done all they could to make the people comfortable. A great deal of the success of this Institute is conceded to the honor of the secretary J. V. Van Guilder, who has been untiring in his efforts.